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Dear Dr. Umezawa,

First let me express my pleasure at having had the opportunity to meet you here today.

You will recall our conversation about the need to emphasize the positive aspects of research on the genetics and biochemistry of micro-organisms and now in particular to be sure that we are left with the ability to exploit the new experimental tools for positive purposes. During our conversation you expressed your willingness to provide our WHO subcommittee with your own recommendations on this question and perhaps also that you might be able to transmit copies of any other formal statements that might have been made by your ~~Scienti~~ Research Council on the same questions.

This is to request that you do furnish such material as you conveniently can and I assure you it will be given the most careful and respectful attention. The meeting itself will be held in Geneva around June 20th but it would be most helpful if I could get some of this from you at least early in May, so that I could distribute it also to my colleagues. After that, anything which reaches me before the meeting would still also be useful.

Sincerely yours,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics

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